

## REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending and under consideration in the application.

In the Office Action of May 4, 2004, claims 1-18 were rejected as obvious in view of USP 6,597,377 to *McPhail* and USP 6,282,362 to *Murphy, et al.*. The rejection is traversed.

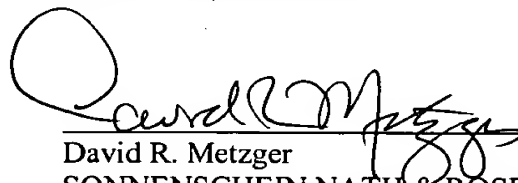
Claims 1 and 12 recite that link information is superimposed on an video signal, and the position of the link information on a display is determined based on link position information received by the system superimposing the link information on the video signal. The link position information is virtual space information. As a result, a link can be positioned in a display of an item in real space relative to the item in 3D perspective. The cited references fail to fairly teach or suggest this feature, either individually or in combination.

*McPhail* clearly fails to disclose the use of the link position information as claimed, much less that the link position information is virtual space information. Both real space and virtual space herein refer to three-dimensional space and perspective, respectively. *McPhail* nowhere takes into consideration 3-D parameters, as is done in the present invention. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1-18 are patentable over *McPhail*.

*Murphy, et al.* does not take into account virtual space relations either. At most, *Murphy et al.* provides a link to real space positional information and thus relates the real space information to them in an indirect way. However, positioning of icons within a display is not dependent on virtual space information.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the remaining claims, 1-18 are patentable and allowable. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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